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REMARKS

In the present amendment, the limitations of claim 4 have been inserted into claim 1. Claim 3 has been amended to insert "polycarboxylic" in accordance with the requirement set forth in paragraph 1 of the Office Communication. Claims 1-3 and 5-10 remain under prosecution.

The present response fully conforms to the Office position.

Claim 4 has been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Newly amended independent claim 1 presents the limitations of original claims 1 and 4 and accordingly is allowable. Claims 2, 3, and 5-10 are dependent claims and likewise are allowable.

The prior art rejection of paragraph 4 of the Office Communication is moot.

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In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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